IIM centres in the country

1347. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) centres situated in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to establish Indian Institute of Management (IIM) at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh which is the city, having a good educational infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) At present there are six Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country, which are situated at Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Bangalore (Karnataka), Kolkata (West Bengal), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Kozhikode (Kerala). The seventh Indian Institute of Management has been approved to be set up in Shillong (Meghalaya).

(b) and (c) At present there is no other proposal under consideration of the Government to set up more IIMs in the country.

Special economic zones for educational services

1348. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after allowing special zones for IT, biotech and gems and jewellery, Government are considering SEZs for educational services;

(b) if so, whether **a** meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister decided that developers of universities and institutions of higher learning should be given special sops and tax exemption by using the SEZ route;

(c) if so, whether any final details in this regard have been worked out; and